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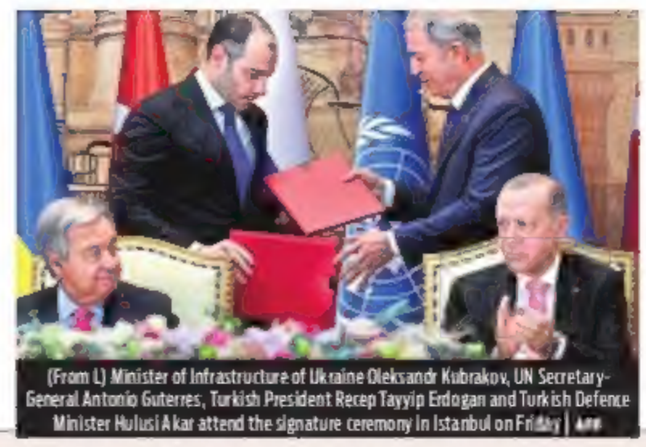

(From L) Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine Oleksandr Kubrakov, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar attend the signature ceremony in Istanbul on Friday | AFP

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GLOBAL RELIEF AS UKRAINE AND RUSSIA TO RESUME GRAIN EXPORTS

Separate agreements were signed on Friday with Turkey and the UN, which will allow Ukraine to resume grain shipments

22 MN TONNES OF FOOD STRANDED AT PORTS

Under the deal, cargo ships sailing to and from Ukrainian ports will be inspected in Turkey to allay Moscow's concerns the vessels might be used to smuggle weapons. Ukraine is one of the world's largest exporters of wheat, corn and sunflower oil. The new pact will enable Ukraine to export 22 million tonnes of grain stuck in Black Sea ports due to the war

TURKEY, UNITED NATIONS BROKER THE DEAL

- Turkish president Tayyip Erdogan and UN secretary-general António Guterres played key roles in negotiating the deal
- While the pact is expected to ease the Russia-Ukraine standoff that threatened world food security, it will also help Russian grain and fertiliser shipments despite tough Western sanctions | P12

400 million

PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD RELY ON UKRAINIAN FOOD SUPPLIES

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CABINET NOD FOR MORE JOBS TO KANNADIGAS

Rules framed for new employment policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka state cabinet on Friday approved the new Employment Policy 2022-25 to provide job reservation for local Kannadigas in industries.

Under the new policy, industries in expansion mode have to create additional jobs as specified for locals. The policy aims at generating more employment in Karnataka, said Law Minister J C Madhuswamy.

Speaking to reporters after a cabinet meeting, Minister Madhuswamy said the policy got the nod to increase job opportunities among the local people. With this, investors who want to expand their units or look at setting up new ones have to increase the number of jobs they provide to employ the locals.

He said guidelines have been framed, under which they have specifically mentioned additional jobs for every incremental investment in medium, large, mega, ultra-mega and super-mega industries.

Explaining further, Madhuswamy said if an industry classified as medium scale (minimum employment is 20) wants to invest Rs 10 crore for expansion, they have to create 10 more jobs for the locals. If investors intend to invest Rs 50 crore, 35 to 50 jobs should be created; and under the super-mega industry category, if they want to invest up to Rs 100 crore, they have to create 50 additional jobs.

All these additional jobs will be for local Kannadigas. He pointed out that the guidelines they framed specify how various units should provide employment for locals.

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State opposes Kasturirangan report

Bengaluru: The state cabinet has decided not to implement the Kasturirangan report recommending declaring parts of Western Ghats as eco-sensitive zones. P4

Ex-CM B S Yediyurappa with his son B Y Vijayendra in Shikaripura on Friday | EXPRESS

DENOTIFICATION: SC RELIEF FOR YEDIYURAPPA

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Karnataka High Court order refusing to quash corruption charges against former Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa in an illegal land denotification case of 2006-07. The FIR was registered by the Karnataka Lokayukta police on December 21, 2015 on a private complaint filed by Vasudeva Reddy under the Prevention of Corruption Act. P4

BSY hints at quitting poll politics, 'anoints' son

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

FORMER chief minister and veteran BJP leader B S Yediyurappa has hinted at his retirement from electoral politics by announcing that his younger son and the party's state vice president B Y Vijayendra will contest the 2023 assembly elections from Shikaripura constituency which the former has been representing since 1983 except in 1999.

Speaking to the media after offering 'Bagina' to Anjanapura dam in Shikaripura taluk on Friday, he said, "I request the people of Shikaripura to ensure the victory of Vijayendra by a huge margin, even bigger than what I had secured." He said his supporters are pressuring him to field Vijayendra from the old Mysuru region.

Reacting to Yediyurappa's statement, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who is on a visit to Delhi, said, "Yediyurappa will neither retire nor is he tired. He is a relentless fighter." Asked about BSY's decision not to contest elections any more, Bommai said, "Yediyurappa would always be with the BJP. He has his own importance. Party top brass are aware of his importance."

Bommai said though he met him on Thursday, "this issue did not come up for discussion". P4

GOOD DAY FOR INDIA

It had been quite an extraordinary day at the World Championships in Eugene on Thursday (early Friday in India). A recap...

TWO JAVELIN THROWERS IN FINAL

Tokyo Olympics champion Neeraj Chopra qualified with a throw of 88.39m while Rohit Yadav qualified for finishing in top 12.

For the first time a triple jumper — Alfnose Paul — qualified for the final.

Shericka Jackson of Jamaica became the fastest woman in 200m when she won gold with a meet record of 21.45s. Her time was second only to Florence Griffith-Joyner's 21.34s set at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul | P19

CBSE X, XII Board results out the same day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

WITH scores of 99.68% and 98.83% respectively in the much awaited CBSE Class X and XII Board exam results, Trivandrum was the best performing region in the country in terms of pass percentage.

The next best were Bengaluru (99.22% and 98.16%) and Chennai (98.7% and 97.79%), results for which were announced on Friday. This was the first time the board announced both Class X and XII results on the same day. Girls once again outperformed boys by 1.41% and 3.29% respectively for classes X and XII, but that has been the trend over the years. While 94.4% candidates cleared the Class X exams, the corresponding figure for Class XII was 92.71%. The Class XII pass percentage dipped compared to last year's 99.37% mainly because exams weren't held last year due to Covid. The result was based on a special assessment scheme instead. This year, exams were conducted in two terms. Similarly, the Class X pass percentage last year was 99.04%.

In Class X, many students scored over 90% and 95%. As many as 64,908 candidates scored 95% and above. And 2,36,993 candidates notched up scores of 90% and above.

Bengaluru region secures 2nd spot in the country

Bengaluru: Bengaluru region secured the second highest pass percentage in the country for both Class 10 and 12 in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) examination results. It recorded 98.16 pass percentage in the Class 12 and 99.22 in Class 10. Controller of Examinations Dr Sanyam Bhardwaj said the board will not release merit lists for first, second or third rankings. P5

5G NET

TESTED IN BENGALURU METRO

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Friday became the first Metro in the country to successfully conduct trial runs for the Fifth Generation mobile network (5G) at MG Road Metro Station. P5

EXPRESS READ

India's first brain health clinic opens

Bengaluru: India's first-of-its-kind brain health clinic was inaugurated at Jayanagar General Hospital in Bengaluru on Friday. The clinic was opened under the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative on the occasion of World Brain Day. P3

Uniform Civil Code: No decision yet, says Rijiju

New Delhi: As the demand for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is gaining traction among some BJP-ruled states, Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiran Rijiju said on Friday that no decision has been taken on its implementation yet. P10

CBI lens on Delhi govt liquor policy

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

DELHI's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Friday ordered a CBI probe into the AAP government's new excise policy in Delhi. This newspaper was the first to report that the city government's liquor policy was likely to be probed by the CBI. In his letter to the CBI, Saxena said the Delhi government executed "major decisions/actions in violation of the statutory provisions and the notified excise policy that had huge financial implications". The LG accused the Arvind Kejriwal-led regime of extending "undue financial favours to the liquor licensees much after the tenders had been awarded and thus caused huge losses to the exchequer."

The letter said CBI investigation has been ordered after a report by the Delhi chief secretary established prima facie violations of GNCTD Act 1991, Transaction of Business Rules 1993, Delhi Excise Act 2009 and Delhi Excise Rules 2010. Among the charges levelled in the chief secretary's report are relaxation of tender conditions to provide undue financial favours to some licensees, refund of earnest money deposit to a licensee, allowing windfall gains to some licensees by restricting the number of vends per ward, extending licence period without clearance from competent authority, etc.

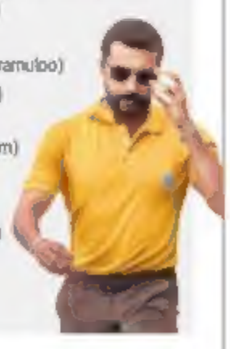
'BJP scared of AAP's rise at national level'

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal alleged DyCM Manish Sisodia is being framed in a "fake case" to stall AAP's rise at the national level, adding that his deputy could be arrested by CBI in a few days

BIG WINNERS

BEST FILM Soorarai Pottru

Best Actor: Suriya (Soorarai Pottru) and Ajay Devgn (Tanhaji)
Best Direction: KR Sachidanandan (Ayyappanum Koshiyum)
Best Screenplay (Original): Shalini Usha Nair, Sudha Kongara (Soorarai Pottru)
Best Debut Film of a Director: Madonne Ashwin (Mandela)
Best Actress: Aparna Balamurali (Soorarai Pottru)
Best Music Direction (Songs): Thaman S (Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo)
Best Supporting Actor: Biju Menon (Ayyappanum Koshiyum)
Best Supporting Actress: Lakshmipriya Chandramouli (Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum)
Best Background Score: GV Prakash (Soorarai Pottru)
Best Production Design: Anees Nadodi (Kappela)
Best Editing: Sreekar Prasad (Sivaranjiniyum Sila Innum Pengalum)
Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation: Taledanda (Kannada)
Best Kannada Film: Dollu



South cinema rules with *Soorarai Pottru* bagging 5

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE 68th National Awards for films submitted in 2020, saw a huge haul for cinema from South India, which secured 20 of the 29 awarded feature film categories. While Tamil cinema led the pack with nine, Malayalam followed with six, Telugu three, and Kannada two.

While *Soorarai Pottru* (Tamil) was the big winner, taking home five awards, Vasanth S Sai's *Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum* won three, and Madonne Ashwin's *Mandela* (Tamil) picked two. Barring Vasanth and editor Sreekar Prasad, who won the National Award for Best Feature (Tamil) and Best Editing, respectively, for *Sivaranjiniyum*... every other awardee in Tamil cinema was a first-time winner.

Soorarai Pottru was always a favourite with fans on social media placing their bets on Suriya and the film to win the top awards. All the predictions came true as it won the Best Film, and Suriya bagged the Best Actor award for his compelling portrayal of a determined dreamer, Nedumaaran Rajangam — a character based on the life of Captain Gopinath, who owned the first low-cost airline in the country.

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Back home from jail, Zubair says, 'I will get back to my work'

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

FAMILY and friends celebrating his homecoming seemed to iron out the stress of the last four weeks that they had endured collectively. The co-founder of Alt News **Mohammed Zubair** returned home Friday morning to a warm welcome after the Supreme Court on July 20 granted him interim bail in all the six cases registered against him by the Uttar Pradesh (UP) police accusing him of hurting religious sentiments through his tweets.

Zubair was thankful that he was back home. "I was expecting to be in prison for a longer time given the manner and pace at which the FIRs were registered against me. I am very fortunate to get such overwhelming support from everybody, especially my lawyer Vrinda Grover, my colleague and co-founder of Alt News Pratik Sinha and his mother Nirjhari Sinha. Maybe, because my case was highlighted that it was pushed and I got early relief from the courts. I am thankful to the judiciary," said Zubair, while hugging his sons. He has three children, who just didn't want to lose sight of their father since his return.

Zubair (40) was arrested on June 27 by the special cell, Delhi police for a 2018 tweet that he had posted on the microblogging website. Narrating the sequence of events leading to his arrest, he said that on June 24 he received a mail from the special cell, Delhi police asking him to appear before them on June 27 in a 2020 case in which they had earlier given him a "clean chit," he said.

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